SAFETY ON THE LINE

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"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to someone else."

Will Rogers

Several years ago, a KSC employee was driving behind a delivery truck when 2 high pressure K bottles fell

Driving - Expect the Unexpected

from the truck bed. High pressure bottles, if damaged, can become flying projectiles. Fortunately, the bottles did not explode. This incident illustrates the need for drivers to heighten their defensive driving tactics to include such potential dangers. Here are some tips to help you meet these challenges;

- Give yourself extra distance when driving behind trucks with open beds, trucks carrying supplies, or boats. You never know what will fall off or fly out from these vehicles!
- Traffic safety statistics indicate that exceeding the posted speed limit are one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. Driving within the posted speed limit will allow you more time to respond to an "incident" than if you were driving faster.
- Give yourself adequate time to drive to a location, especially if rain, fog, or increased traffic is going to delay your arrival. This reduces the pressure to "speed up" and make up for lost time.

Can you check this ?

Are employees using the proper personal protective equipment when required?

Can you check this ?

Super Safety Day Question & Answer



QUESTION: "If you notice something in a building that might be unsafe, such as a loose stair tread or door knob, who do you report it to? Could we have some names/numbers posted in a convenient spot?"

ANSWER:

The place to call is the KSC Customer Service Unit, also known as the Trouble Call Desk, at **867-3131**. Operated by SGS and available 24 hours a day, they are responsible for logging into their system any facility or system maintenance item that is not functioning properly. Each item is assigned a service order number and a priority code. Work requests are also assigned a time frame completion code; routine, urgent, or emergency, based on the potential for impact to personnel safety, mission, or continuing operations. Any KSC employee may use this service. For more information, call Craig Bramley at 867-3133.

So if you know of something that needs fixing, call

867-3131



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